(c) whether any final decision has been taken in the matter; and

(d) if not, by when a decision is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) No, Sir.

(b) to (d) Do not arise.

Policy for Disinvestment

3116. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether Government have a definite policy for Disinvestment;

(b) what kind of PSUs are being considered for Disinvestment; and

(c) the details thereof ?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) to (c) PSUs that are non-strategic in nature are considered for disinvestment. Government has decided that only the following will be strategic area :

(i) Arms and ammunitions and the allied items of defence equipment, defence air-crafts and warships

(ii) Atomic energy (except in the areas related to the generation of nuclear power and applications of radiation and radio-isotopes to agriculture medicine and non-strategic industries)

(iii) Railway transport.

Disinvestment in ERBC of ONGC

3117. SHRI DRUPAD BORGOHAIN : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) what is the percentage of Disinvestment in the ERBC of ONGC;

(b) in what respect this disinvestment is done;

(c) whether Government have any new proposal for further disinvestment; and

(d) if so, how much it will be done?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) to (d) ERBC (Eastern Region Business Centre) covers activities of ONGC in North-Eastern areas except Tripura and is not an independent company or entity. Thus, no disinvestment of ERBC as such has been done. Presently, there is no proposal for further disinvestment in ONGC.

Revaluation of Assets of PSUs before Disinvestment

3118. SHRI DIPANKAR MUKHERJEE : Will the Minister of DISINVESTMENT be pleased to state :

(a) whether revaluation of assets is being done before carrying out disinvestment of PSUs;

(b) if not, the reasons therefor;

(c) whether replacement cost of a CPSU is being assessed and taken into account before disinvestment; and

(d) if not, the reasons therefor?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF INFORMATION AND BROADCASTING AND THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE DEPARTMENT OF DISINVESTMENT (SHRI ARUN JAITELY) : (a) to (d) The issue of valuation of the assets of the companies propsed for disinvestment is considered on a case to case basis on the advice of the consultants/Global Advisor depending on various factors like nature of sale, nature of the company, mode of disinvestment etc..

Training in Hindi Typing and Stenography

†3119. SHRI BALKAVI BAIRAGI : Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state :

† Original notice of the question received in Hindi.